CLAIMS

Claim 1. A method of coloring straw comprising the steps of: providing an amount of straw;

providing an amount of liquid coloring agent for coloring the straw to a desired color;

blending the straw with the amount of coloring agent; and

permitting the straw to dry.

- <u>Claim 2</u>. The method as defined in Claim 1 wherein the liquid coloring agent possesses the color to which the straw is desired to be colored.
- Claim 3. The method as defined in Claim 2 wherein the color of the liquid coloring agent is green.
- Claim 4. The method as defined in Claim 2 wherein the liquid coloring agent is food coloring.
- Claim 5. The method as defined in Claim 1 wherein no straw in the amount of straw is longer than about two inches.
- <u>Claim 6</u>. The method as defined in Claim 1 wherein the step of blending is preceded by step of cutting up the straw so that no stem of the straw to be blended in the blending step is longer than about two inches in length.
- <u>Claim 7</u>. The method as defined in Claim 1 wherein the step of drying is followed by a step of cutting up the straw so that no stem of the straw is longer than about two inches in length.
- Claim 8. The straw which has been colored in accordance with the method of Claim 1.

Claim 9. A method for coloring straw which has been cut up so that no stem of the straw has a length in excess of about two inches, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a liquid coloring agent for coloring the straw to a desired color wherein the liquid coloring agent is sufficient in amount to permit the straw to be submerged within the liquid coloring agent;

submerging the straw within the liquid coloring agent so that the straw is colored by the liquid coloring agent;

removing the straw from the amount of liquid coloring agent; and

permitting the straw to dry.

<u>Claim 10</u>. A method as defined in Claim 9 wherein the step of submerging including the steps of blending the straw with the liquid coloring agent.

Claim 11. The straw which has been colored in accordance with the method of Claim 9.